IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 8, 10, 12, 13 and 15, cancel claim 11, and add new claims 16-28 as follows:

8. (Once Amended) A system for processing and sharing digital images over a network, comprising:

a server computer having:

at least one CPU,

a storage device,

an input interface for receiving user information from a client computer over the network, and

a communications interface adapted for exchange of information between computers,

the CPU adapted by a program to:

input user information from the input interface, the user information including electronic image data and at least one email address of a recipient;

store the user information in the storage device;

process the electronic image data;

generate a display including at least a portion of the processed electronic image data;

associate a uniform resource locator (URL) with the display;

create an email message that includes the URL associated with the display notifying the recipient that the display is available for viewing; and

send the email message via the communications interface to the recipient for retrieval at a recipient computer to allow the at least one recipient to view the display

using the URL.

10. (Once Amended) The system of claim 9 wherein the CPU is further adapted to store the display in the storage device and associate the URL with the display stored in the storage device.

12. (Once Amended) The system of claim 10 wherein the client computer is connected via the communications interface.
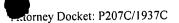
13. (Once Amended) The system of claims 11 wherein the communications interface is a network adaptor for interfacing to a network.

15. (Once Amended) The system of claim 8 wherein the CPU is further adapted to transmit the display in response to a request from the recipient computer received via the communications interface that includes the URL.

16 (NEW) A method for sharing digital images over a network that includes a client computer, a server, and a recipient computer, the method comprising the steps of:

    (a)   allowing a user of the client computer to upload to the server a digital image, contact information, and an email address of a recipient;

    (b)   storing, by the server, the digital image and the contact information;

    (c)   in response to the user requesting that the digital image be sent to the recipient, creating an email message that includes a uniform resource locator (URL) associated with the digital image;

    (d)   automatically sending the email message from the server to the recipient at the

recipient computer, the email message stating that there is an image available on a web site for the recipient and that the image can be viewed by opening the included URL; and

(e) in response to receiving a request from the recipient computer that includes the URL, displaying the digital image to the recipient for viewing.

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17 (NEW) The method of claim 16 wherein step (c) further includes the step of: in response to the user requesting that the digital image be sent to the recipient, creating a card key that identifies the digital image.
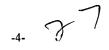
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18 (NEW) The method of claim 17 wherein step (c) further includes the step of: including the card key in the URL.

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19 (NEW) The method of claim 18 further including the step of: saving the contact information in a card database, and saving the digital image in an image database.

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20 (NEW) The method of claim 19 wherein step (b) further includes the step of: storing the digital image in a directory whose name is derived from the card key.

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21 (NEW) The method of claim 20 wherein step (c) further includes the step of: receiving the request from a web browser running on the recipient computer.

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22 (NEW) The method of claim 16 wherein step (a) further includes the step of: creating an electronic postcard from the digital image.

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23 (NEW) The method of claim 22 further including the step of: providing the electronic

postcard with a front and back, wherein the back of the postcard includes a postmarked stamp.
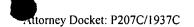
24 (NEW) The method of claim 23 further including the step of: providing the postmark with a

date the postcard was sent and the stamp with an advertisement.

25 (New) A method of sharing image data between a user and a recipient via a server adapted to

communicate with a sending computer and a receiving computer, the server executing the steps

of:

    (a)   receiving electronic image data that is transferred under control of the user at the

        sending computer, the image data residing in the sending computer or an image

        source separate from and in communication with the sending computer;

    (b)   storing the received image data in a database;

    (c)   associating a uniform resource locator (URL) with the stored image data that

        allows a browser to retrieve the image data;

    (d)   receiving at least one email address for at least one recipient from the sending

        computer;

    (e)   including the URL for the stored image data in an email message that states the

        stored image data is available for viewing; and

    (f)   sending the email message to the at least one recipient for retrieval at the

        receiving computer, whereby the at least one recipient can view the image data

        using the URL.

26 (New) The method of claim 25 wherein the user uploads the electronic image to the server

for a photo contest, and wherein once uploaded, the server sends an electronic notice including the image URL to a judge notifying the judge of entry of the electronic image.

27 (New) The method of claim 25 wherein the user uploads the electronic image to the server where for a baby journal, and wherein once uploaded, the server adds the image to an album and sends an electronic notice including the image URL to one or more recipients inviting the recipients to visit and view the album.

28 (New) The method of claim 25 wherein the user uploads the electronic image to the server where for a family album, and wherein once uploaded, the server adds the image to a family album and sends an electronic notice including the image URL to one or more recipients inviting the recipients to visit and view the album.